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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY CONDUCTING HARDWARE INVENTORIES OF COMPUTERS IN A NETWORK**

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Enclosed are also:

☒ 22 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ 10 Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 43 )  
☒ 4 Sheet(s) of formal drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation  
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☒ Form PTO 1449

## CLAIMS AS FILED

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